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At this point perhaps it may be opportune to present a brief history of the Victorian U.F.O. Research Society.

The earliest U.F.O. group to form in Australia was the "Australian Flying Saucer Bureau" under the direction of Edgar Jarrold and Andrew Tomas, in the early 1950s. At the same time, Fred Stone inaugurated the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" in Adelaide. After approximately two years the Bureau closed down and was regarded as a branch of the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" under Andrew Tomas. This shortly broke from Adelaide and became the "Australian U.F.O. Investigation Centre" with Dr. Clifford at its head until 1958, when the Presidency passed to Dr. Lindtner.

The "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society (Victorian Branch)" was formed on the 17th February, 1957 as a branch of the "Australian Flying Saucer Research Society" and later that year was re-organised as the "Victorian Flying Saucer Research Society" with Mr. Peter E. Norris L.L.B. as President. In 1968 the name was again altered — this time to the "Victorian U.F.O. Research Society".

During this time, the Society has published various papers and is probably best known for its publication Australian Flying Saucer Review, curtailed in 1972 due to high costs and subsequently superseded by the Australian U.F.O. Bulletin and at one stage sponsored and produced a quarter-hour program on a Melbourne radio station under the heading of "The Truth Behind Flying Saucers".

The Society had held a dispassionate attitude on U.F.O.s, claiming it is a scientific problem deserving closer attention. It has also met regularly in General Meetings and maintains the largest U.F.O. library in the Southern Hemisphere, making books available by post, to members throughout the Commonwealth.

Membership of this Society — which maintains the largest membership of any U.F.O. organisation in the Southern Hemisphere — is open to all who are genuinely interested in the subject.

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EDITORIAL

We have noted with mixed feelings the current upswing of UFO interest in the popular media. Yes, mixed feeling Public awareness of UFO will certainly bring new members to existing organisations. UFO books are in a bull market and it is now easier to get books published than it has been for many years. There is more press coverage. Radio and TV programs abound. Even old UFO classics from Vallee to Flammonde have been picked up by publishers and now reprinted. This should be an ideal situation for UFOlogy, and it is to a point.

There is a bit of pyrite in the mine however. What is missing from this new wave of interest? Answer: the UFOs.

We are seeing media attention equivalent to the days of yore, when sightings were reported daily in the newspapers. National newscasts ran regular features on the latest reports back in 1966, when Michigan was inundated. Exeter, New Hampshire was turned into the Mecca of UFOlogy in the 60s and remember 1973? But where are the sightings that formerly generated so much reaction? There aren't that many. Look carefully! What do you think is the explanation for all of this new coverage?

ANSWER: American culture:

We live in a society which lives off bits and pieces of information. One which gets the news of the world every night in just 30 minutes. Let us admit it, we devour the drivel, dreck and tripe that TV has to offer quite avidly. All of this is mixed in a brew of flashing lights and special effects so that we won't be bored by the endless streams of information that hit us from all directions.

When the public becomes bored with one thing, they quickly move to something else new or to something which has been out of the public picture for a period of time.

Thus UFOs have become "in" again, or at least one aspect of UFOs, Abductions. The sole reason for this new interest is the appearance of a mainstream author on the scene, WHITLEY STRIEBER. Strieber's book COMMUNION has mixed several sure-fire ingredients to be a success.

He has name recognition as an author of best selling novels on contemporary problems and pop culture superstitions like vampires, werewolves; etc. In COMMUNION, he has written not only about UFOs but about the bizarre, controversial aspects of the phenomenon. He has a well established public relations machine. The result is the number one non-fiction book in America, no mean feat, and be assured, if Richard Haines, Bruce Maccabee or Larry Fawcett had written the book word for word it would not be where it is today. Strieber has touched American culture and understands it. He transmits his understanding through the pipelines of pop culture, radio and TV.

BOOK REVIEW

"MELBOURNE EPISODE?" "CASE STUDY OF A MISSING PILOT"

Dr Richard F. Haines

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Not being an interested reader of fiction this was not an easy book for me to read but due to several request from ufologists, I felt obligated to give my opinion.

Firstly, the author, Dr. Haines is a brave scientist to write about UFOs, a subject that most others of the scientific community are too frightened to mention.

Secondly, the author was thousands of kilometers from the scene where the action took place.

Thirdly, the author cannot be blamed for clothing the book with plenty of padding and many loopholes.

One half of the book is fiction and fiction ended because the disappearance of pilot Frederick Valentich is the greatest mystery in Australian aviation history and we have our hands full trying to confirm what details were reported without adding more difficulties such as what might have been. And since that fatal Saturday evening the reports are still being received. Only recently another witness phoned in regard to a sighting which occurred at 7 p m of October 21, 1978(The date of the encounter) just 12 minutes before a mystery sound interrupted the radio communication between Valentich and the flight service traffic controller.

The sighting was from a witness who resided near Sale, Victoria. From his home he saw a large yellow light pulsating out over Bass Strait. As it hovered three smaller yellow lights came streaking out of the sky and merged with the larger object which then shot straight up disappearing toward the stars.

What made the Frederick Valentich Episode more difficult were statements from biased journalists who are accustomed to write about everything and are experts on nothing except misquotations and out of context reporting. This practice made it exceedingly obscure and complicated the problem for both local private and official investigators when trying to make an assessment of what actually happened.

For example: The friends of Frederick went to Appolo Bay to search for the missing pilot after they learned he had said his engine was rough idling, they thought that perhaps he had turned back to the nearest land, Cape Otway. His girl friend was trying to contact the pilot's father when she checked in at Bay Pines Motel she asked the receptionist if a Valentich was registered there. Melbourne newsmen said that she had asked if Frederick Valentich was registered there. This false statement was fed to the readership and press wires suggesting that Frederick had hoaxed his UFO encounter and intended to rendezvous with friends at Appolo Bay. With newsmen hounding the Bay Pines Motel, Rhonda and her parents moved to another motel in the area where the manager refused to tell newsmen whether or not the friends were there. This led to a further followup story from the press stating that the group was hiding out with Frederick on Cape Otway.

Meanwhile, other newsmen were telling the public another version of the incident. They were phoning their newspapers that Frederick was not where he reported his position and had fabricated his disappearance and had stolen the aircraft with intentions to sell it on the blackmarket. Local ufologists tracked these false newspaper stories into a dead end through people on holidays who were camped on the Parker River. about five miles east of Cape Otway lighthouse.

These campers saw his blue and white Cessna fly overhead at the time the pilot was making his turn for a heading toward King Island. A few days later the Department of Transport issued a statement that there was no reason to suggest Valentich was not where he radioed his position.

Frederick Valentich was not the only person who reported a strange object flying over and near Bass Strait that same day and night. Local ufologists found more than fifty good witnessed observations which occurred before during and after his encounter. The period of UFO activity had been building up for over six weeks around Bass Strait prior to his famous encounter.

The activity reached a peak that very weekend the pilot and his aircraft disappeared consummating with at least twenty observations from people who saw a green light out over Bass Strait in the direction and at the same time the pilot was describing a long shaped mystery object with a green light. The locations from where these green lights were seen were Portsea, Frankston, Brighton Beach, Geelong and (FIG 2) from motorist who were travelling along the Great Ocean Road near Lorne, located on the north shore of the Strait.

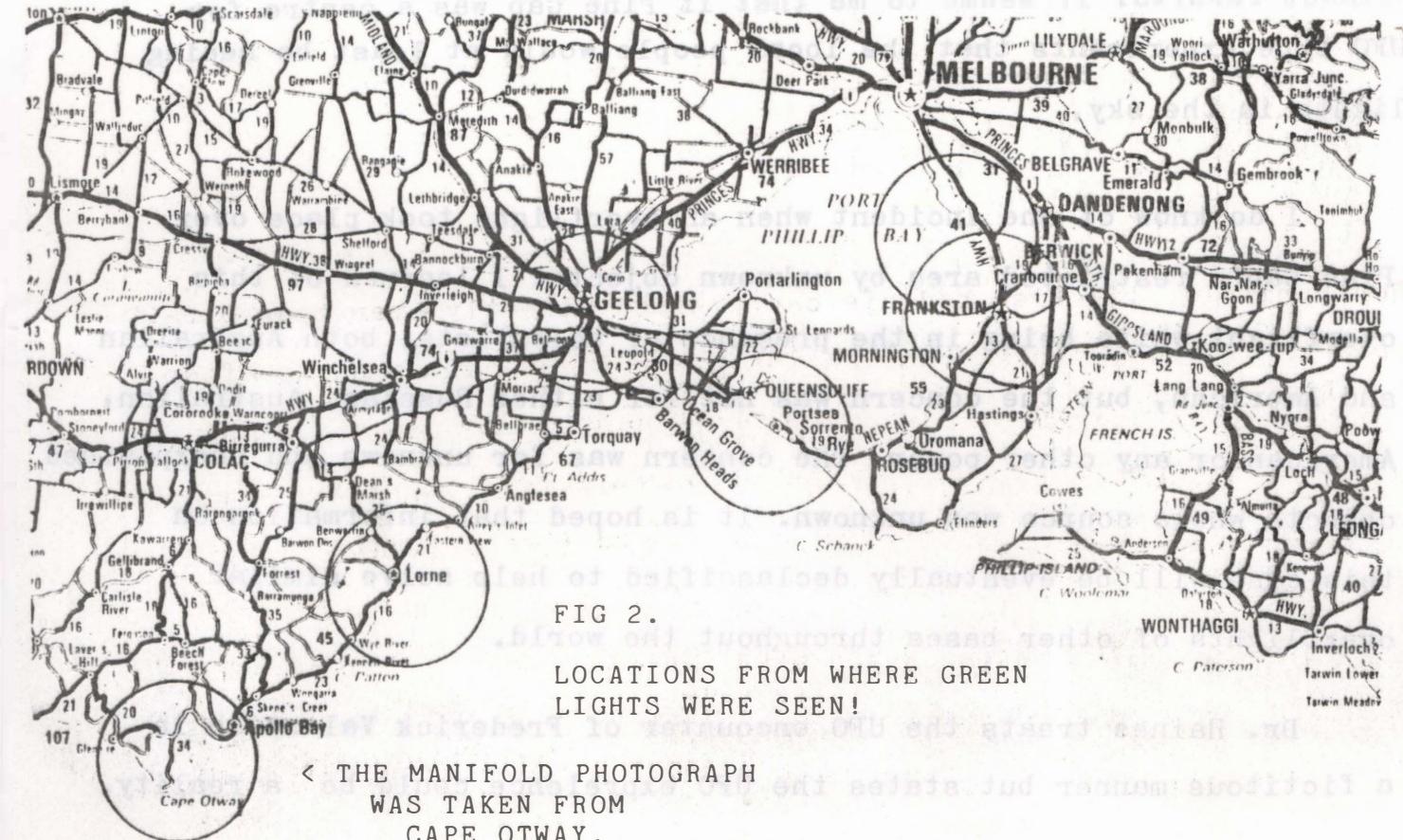
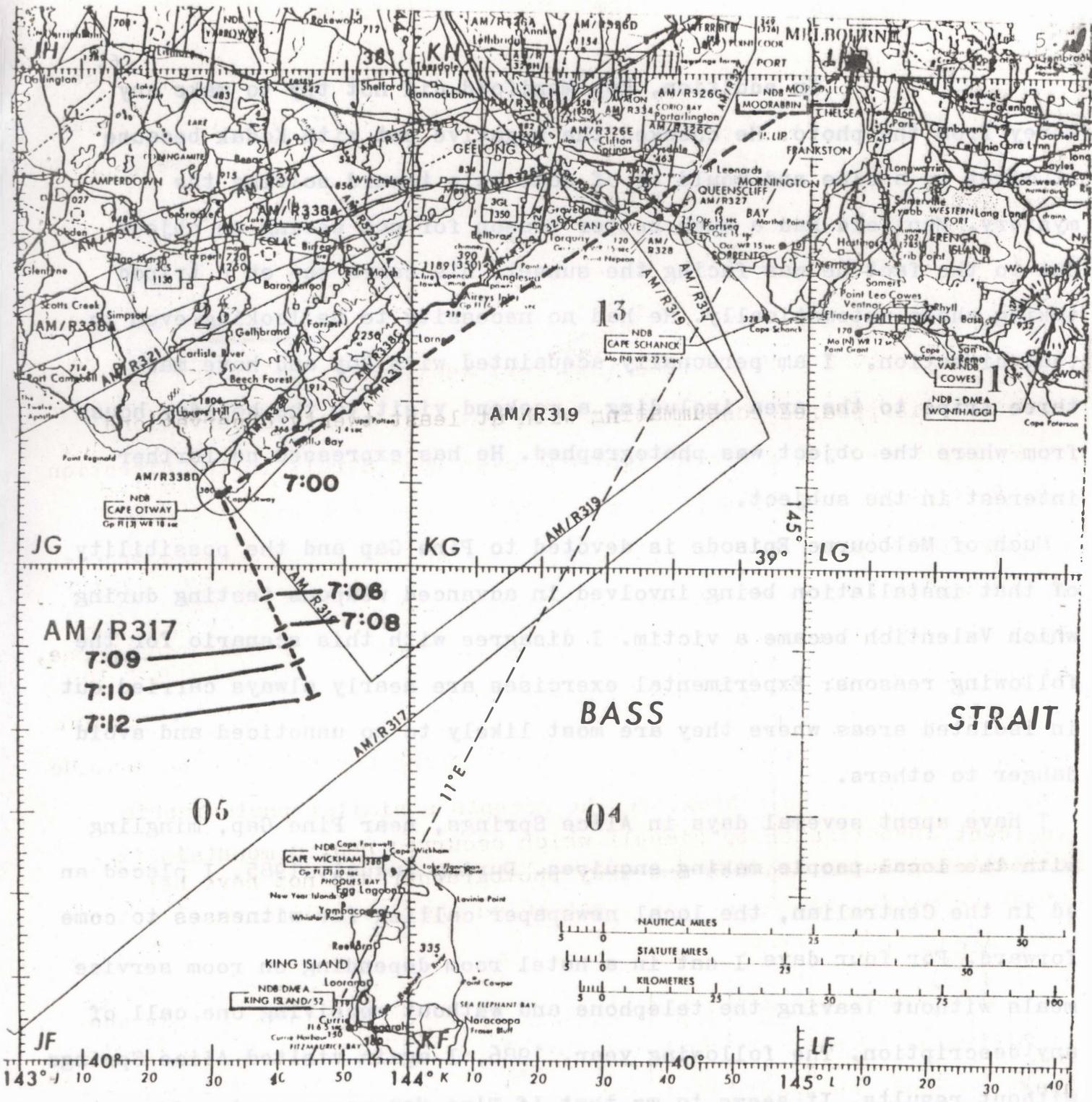
Dr. Haines has expressed his doubt about the Roy Manifold photos. He suggests they may be a hoax. Yet he accepts a similar photographic incident investigated by himself which occurred near a mountain in Canada as genuine because the lady photographer did not have her camra pointed directly at the image which she later discovered after the film was developed.

Her camra was aimed directly at the mountain peak that she wanted to photograp. The author thinks that if the lady was trying to hoax the photo she would have had her camra focused on a later added image or other faked image.

I regard the analysis by both Kodak and G.S.W. technicians as much more accurate.

Roy Manifold, likewise had his camra aimed directly over Bass Strait toward the setting sun and not on the image found on the photo after it was developed. When he discovered this he took the negative and photo back to Kodak where both were checked out and found to be genuine.

With regard to the Manifold Photo, the author quotes an Anti-UFO editor of the Melbourne Sun who did not have the Negative Analysed and who said the alledged UFO was just a dark grey blurred BLOB on the negative!



In addition, Roy Manifold did not try to make any money from the photo. He checked the negative out with Kodak because it might be a clue and would be of some help toward solving the mystery. Manifold had a much better reason for not seeing an object due to the fact he was facing the sunset, his camera was on a tripod taking shots automatically. He had no necessity to be looking even in that direction. I am personally acquainted with Roy and have made three trips to the area including a weekend visit to the holiday house from where the object was photographed. He has expressed no further interest in the subject.

Much of Melbourne Episode is devoted to Pine Gap and the possibility of that installation being involved in advanced weapons testing during which Valentich became a victim. I disagree with this scenario for the following reasons: Experimental exercises are nearly always carried out in isolated areas where they are most likely to go unnoticed and avoid danger to others.

I have spent several days in Alice Springs, near Pine Gap, mingling with the local people making enquires. During August, 1985, I placed an ad in the Centralian, the local newspaper calling for witnesses to come forward. For four days I sat in a hotel room depending on room service meals without leaving the telephone and without receiving one call of any description. The following year, 1986, I again visited Alice Springs without results. It seems to me that if Pine Gap was a centre for UFO type experiments that the local people would at least be seeing lights in the sky.

I do know of one incident when an overflight took place over Pine Gap's restricted area by unknown objects. I learned of this overflight while being in the presence of scientists, both Australian and American, but the concern was not for either Russian, Australian, American or any other power. The concern was for unknown and unexplained objects whose source was unknown. It is hoped that information on this case will be eventually declassified to help solve similar overflights of other bases throughout the world.

Dr. Haines treats the UFO encounter of Frederick Valentich in a fictitious manner but states the UFO experience could be a reality.

He has given a review of the possibilities listed in his book where he doubts his scenarios are the answer including pilot disorientation and crash, deliberate hoax and other categories of explanations for the disappearance of Frederick Valentich which he leaves for the reader to decide.

As I read the book I realized more and more that the initiative to solve the problem does not lie with the human race but with the intelligence that is behind the UFOs Because before the mystery sound that interrupted the communication between the flight service and Frederick Valentich he was describing an object which has been reported from all over the world by millions of people from all walks of life.

I recommend the book to all members and subscribers. A must for your private library. MELBOURNE EPISODE, case study of a missing pilot, is available from 325 Langton Avenue, Los Altos, California 94022 U.S.A. Cost is U.S.\$13.00 plus U.S. \$2.00 surface mail or U.S. \$8.00 air mail.

Paul B. Norman

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Like it or not, UFOlogists haven't been able to do this. The public responds to personal experiences, not hard facts and detailed analysis. Then, as quickly as this response comes, it will fade to another topic.

What does this all mean for us? It means that people are talking UFOs now, but basically just abductions. New members of UFO groups often desire to study and investigate only abductions, finding other aspects of UFOlogy anticlimactic. A recent ABC "20/20" broadcast dealt with UFO abductions. What you don't know is that they had planned to do more on government interest in UFOs but cancelled at the last minute because they didn't have time to discuss it.

We encourage research into all areas of UFOlogy. However, we decry a "trendiness" which makes UFOlogy one-dimensional and risks losing an audience for other fascinating fields of our subject.

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US studied four dead aliens: report

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An American U.F.O. writer said in the Observer the memo and the briefing paper could be part of a sophisticated fraud. "There are some things that look wrong with the White House memo . . ." said the U.F.O. writer, Barry Greenwood.

"For example, it is unsigned. It is just possible that it was manufactured by someone wanting to prove the existence of MJ-12 and then inserted into Air Force Intelligence records which had recently been opened to the public."

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It seems no evidence of the alien bodies remains.

Australian Associated Press

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Secret report tells of dead 'aliens'

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The highly classified briefing paper reported that "although these creatures are human-like in appearance, the biological and evolutionary processes responsible for their development have apparently been quite different from those observed in homo sapiens".

The document, prepared by a special American government team, is now in the hands of Britain's leading UFO researcher Timothy Good, according to The Observer newspaper.

The document is understood to be a briefing paper for president-elect

Eisenhower on Operation Majestic 12, also known as MJ-12.

Mr Good claims in his still-unpublished book *Above Top Secret: The Worldwide UFO Cover-up* that MJ-12 was a committee of senior US officials which investigated and then covered up news of flying saucer crashes.

Other experts believe the story could be a hoax.

The document reports that on June 24, 1947, disc-shaped aircraft were sighted in the US. One apparently crashed in New Mexico and all four occupants were found dead.

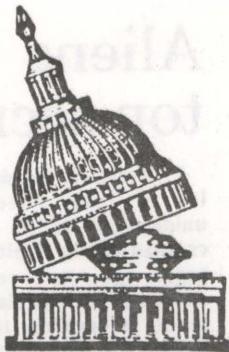
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CONFIRMATION OF MJ-12?

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The 1954 memo reproduced in CAUS Bulletin seems to be positive proof that at one time a special study group called MJ-12 existed. Acquisition of the so-called "Cutler memo" was reported in the Nov./Dec. 1986 issue of the International UFO Reporter after it was unearthed by author William Moore. CAUS has reported in full on MJ-12 in the December 1985 Just Cause.

The MJ-12 group was supposed to have been set up to investigate physical evidence of the Roswell, New Mexico UFO crash, according to Lee Graham, our original source who had seen a copy of a full MJ-12 committee report on the incident. Efforts to confirm to existence of MJ-12 have been frustrated by lack of assurance from any agency that MJ-12 files were available, until the National Archives released a copy of the Cutler memo.

The memo itself is not exactly dramatic, as you can see. There is no mention of UFOs, but for those who remember our previous report the name of General Nathan Twining should be very familiar. He was reported by Graham to be an MJ-12 member and this does seem to be confirmed here. The date of the memo indicates that MJ-12 went well beyond the originally reported date of September 18, 1947, meaning that Roswell may not have been it's only objective (note: In a recent conversation, Graham has revised his recollection of the date to September 24, 1947. This due to a recent discovery of the document page containing the correct date).

The memo goes further to connect MJ-12 to the National Security Council, a group very much in the control of the president, then Eisenhower. It is not likely that we can get quick confirmation of MJ-12 from the NSC. We recall an incident a few years ago when an NSC representative, a Colonel Douglas, visited a Cable News Network office in Washington, D.C. in January 1985 to view an advance of the CNN Special Assignment report on the 1980 Bentwaters UFO sightings. Our contact at CNN told us that the colonel took notes and left without comment. Upon later requests to the NSC for the reason behind Colonel Douglas's visit we were told that no such event took place, and further, they didn't even know a Colonel Douglas: (His credentials were checked at the office and appeared to be genuine). We tend to believe that the NSC does such things and later denies same, a la "Mission: Impossible" (The secretary will disavow etc.). If anyone doubts this you haven't been watching the Iran/Contra hearings.

With all this under consideration we still have some doubts about the Cutler memo. We are not yet satisfied about the bigger picture it paints. If MJ-12 is so "Top Secret", why the blatant slip in security that allows it to be discovered in the National Archives so easily? Why was nothing else found either at the Archives or at the Eisenhower Library which has been checked?

CAUS associate Robert Todd, whose advice we value enormously, has learned that the National Archives itself is beginning to question the document's authenticity. There are format flaws: misplacement of the security marking under the date instead of above; mixture of differing degrees of classification (i.e. Top Secret Restricted); the document having the appearance of a carbon copy but not being labeled as a copy as other documents in our files are so labeled. It also lacked a TS control number which all documents must contain for proper filing and retrieval. An archivist questioned about these concerns stressed that anyone could plant a phony document by walking in, asking for a box of files for research purposes, inserting the hoax into a folder and then leaving. The initial lack of a control number could be evidence of this. Little can be done to monitor every researcher using the files.

We would like to think that this information is true and that history-making revelations are on the way. However, facts dictate our decisions and we are not ready to endorse the Cutler memo as genuine until all questions are answered.

July 14, 1954

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MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL TWISSED

SUBJECT: SEC/MJ-12 Special Studies Project

The President has decided that the MJ-12 SGP briefing should take place during the already scheduled White House meeting of July 16, rather than following it as previously intended. More precise arrangements will be explained to you upon arrival. Please alter your plans accordingly.

Your concurrence in the above change of arrangements is assumed.

ROBERT CUTLER
Special Assistant
to the President

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LONDON, Sunday — Bizarre truth or elaborate hoax? That's the question posed by claims that the bodies of four aliens from a UFO which allegedly crashed in the US 40 years ago were recovered and examined by a special government team.

The *Observer* newspaper says today that according to top-secret documents obtained by a British researcher, a committee code-named Majestic 12 was involved in the recovery operation and a subsequent cover-up.

The newspaper says it has seen the documents which claim Admiral Roscoe Hillenkoetter, then head of the CIA, reported that "although these creatures are human-like in appearance, the biological and evolutionary processes responsible for their development have apparently been quite different from those observed or postulated in homo sapiens."

The document purports to be a briefing paper for President Eisenhower on Operation Majestic 12, or MJ12.

A leading British UFO researcher, Timothy Good, says in his book, *Above Top Secret: The Worldwide UFO Cover-up*, that Majestic 12 was a committee of senior US officials which investigated and then covered up flying saucer crashes.

A UFO expert believes the story could be a hoax involving the planting in US Air Force intelligence files of a separate White House memo supporting the briefing paper.

The *Observer* says enquiries have been unable to authenticate the document but evidence has been found to support the existence of the mysterious MJ12 committee.

'Human-like'

In the briefing paper detailing the discovery of the alien bodies it was reported that on June 24, 1947, disc-shaped aircraft were sighted in the US.

"Little was learned until a local rancher reported that one had crashed in New Mexico . . ." the briefing paper says.

"On July 7, 1947, a secret operation was begun to assure recovery of the wreckage for scientific study. During the course of this operation, aerial reconnaissance discovered that four small human-like beings had apparently ejected from the craft before it exploded."

Extensive searches of the archives of US presidents Truman and Eisenhower and the National Archives have failed to turn up a copy of the briefing paper. But a White House memorandum referring to a meeting of MJ12 was found in the files of the Air Force's director of intelligence.

An American UFO writer says in *The Observer* that the memo and the briefing paper could be part of a sophisticated fraud. "There are some things that look wrong with the White House memo," says the writer, Barry Greenwood.

"For example, it is unsigned. It is just possible that it was manufactured by someone wanting to prove the existence of MJ12 and then inserted into Air Force intelligence records which had recently been opened to the public."

— Australian Associated Press

Air Controller Confirms UFO Had Been Trailing Jumbo Jet

By JEFF BERLINER

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (UPI) — An air controller said radar showed a mysterious object following a Japan Air Lines cargo flight at the time the crew reported a UFO with flashing lights trailing the jumbo jet near the Arctic Circle.

All three crewmen on JAL Flight 1628 told Federal Aviation Administration investigators they saw white and yellow lights close to their Boeing 747 on Nov. 17 after they crossed the Arctic Circle 30 miles southeast of Fort Yukon in an over-the-pole flight from Reykjavik, Iceland, to Tokyo via Anchorage.

The FAA released details of the incident Monday when queried by United Press International.

Air Force officials confirmed their radar picked up something near the JAL plane, but Capt. Robert Morris of the Alaska Air Command suggested the UFO was "random clutter or weather interference." Another Air Force spokesman, Sgt. Jack Hokanson, said, "We got out of the UFO business some time ago."

FAA security manager Jim Derry interviewed the three crewmen — Capt. Kenji Terauchi, 1st Officer Takanori Tamefuji and Flight Engineer Yoshio Tsukuda — and concluded they were not hallucinating and not on drugs or alcohol and were rational. The weather was clear, the FAA said.

FAA spokesman Paul Steucke said there was no other air traffic along the same little-traveled route that night. Steucke also noted the FAA's electronically recorded radar data did not support the UFO sighting.

But the existence of an unidentified object was confirmed by a report from the flight controller in charge of JAL 1628. Steucke said the controller, who was not named, had two years experience.

During the flight, the controller asked Terauchi to identify the craft and then wrote, "He could not identify but reported white and yellow strobes." The lighting was not a normal aircraft marking pattern, the

crew said.

In his one-page report, the controller said repeatedly he saw another object on radar staying near the JAL jet despite FAA-approved turns and altitude changes. The object was as close as 5 miles, the controller wrote.

According to the FAA account, the pilot contacted Anchorage controllers about planes in the area at 6:19 p.m., reporting the UFO 1 mile away from his plane. At 6:25, the crew reported it 8 miles away.

At 6:26, the FAA contacted the Military Operations Control Center at Elmendorf Air Force Base in Anchorage to find out if the UFO appeared on its radar. Military radar-watchers reported an object 8 miles from the JAL jet, but one minute later they told the FAA the object no longer appeared on radar.

At 6:31, the JAL crew told the FAA the unidentified object was "quite big" and the FAA directed the crew to drop from 35,000 feet to 31,000 feet.

"When asked if the traffic (the UFO) was descending also, the pilot stated it was descending in formation."

At 6:35, Fairbanks controllers were asked for assistance, but reported nothing unusual on radar.

Anchorage controllers directed the JAL plane to make a 360-degree turn, and the crew reported they no longer saw the lights, but Air Force officials told the FAA they saw a "flight of two" and "advised it looked as though the (unidentified) traffic had dropped back and to the right" of JAL 1628.

At 6:45, the FAA asked a northbound United Airlines flight to make a 10-degree turn to better see the JAL plane to confirm the existence of the UFO — which the crew was then reporting 8 miles away and nearly behind them. That was their last sighting. The United crew reported seeing nothing out of the ordinary. Nor did a military C-130 the FAA asked to help.

Steucke said the FAA has drawn no conclusion about the incident.

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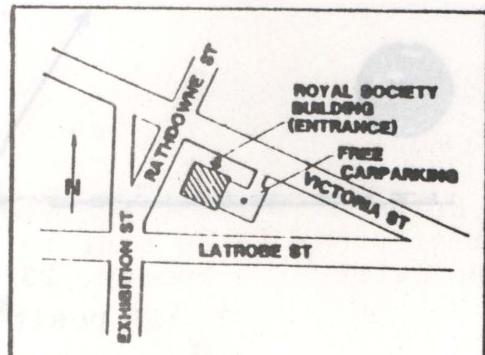
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D E C 7th 1987 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TIME : 8:00pm

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UFO'S IN GIPPSLAND...BELIEVE IT OR NOT!

MORWELL EXPRESS 17 Feb 87

By John Wells

HISTORY need not always be about famous people, or railways, or old buildings...

Have you got an outside toilet? Is your shiny in the backyard?

Do you go down the path, around the tankstand and under the quince tree, an epic trek by day and a daring adventure by night? (We did, when I was growing up at Longwarry.)

If you do, don't! They are watching you...whoever they are.

Now, this may come as a surprise to most of you but, believe it or not, Gippsland has been the source of a great many UFO sightings in the past, and these sightings continue.

Let me list a few of Gippsland's not-so-ancient reports of Unidentified Flying Objects. You may scoff (and probably will) and you might even be right, but there just might be a part of our ancient past that has echoes in our skies today.

In 1976 there was a spate of UFO reports in the Dandenongs. These were partly explained as being due to furnace blow-off, but no-one who believes in ghosties and bunyips and long leggy beasties and things that go bump in the night is going to believe that!

In alphabetical order, here are just a few of Gippsland's better documented reports:

Bairnsdale, April 13, 1964. At 9.30pm H. Ryan sees a vivid blue flash

two or three miles away to the northwest. A blue and orange light seems to spiral down to the earth, soar into the sky and then spiral down again. He calls his wife and two visitors. They watch the light for half-an-hour. When it leaves it trails four streams of orange-red vapor. There is no official explanation.

Dalyston November 8, 1963. Mr T. Cobert is driving along the South Dudley Road with his fiancee, Miss J. Hughes. At 7.50pm they see an orange glow. It appears that the No 5 Brace at the State Coal Mine is on fire. They realise that this is not so when the light begins to move, and they give chase. They follow it into Dalyston and on to Kilcunda, then back to the South Dudley Road. The light appears smaller, farther away. They lose it, but the sighting is confirmed by a motor mechanic from Kilcunda.

Drouin South, September 1968. At 6.15am farmer George Willis is

beginning his day's work. He sees a strange object and estimates it to be about 30 miles distant. It has no lights but is surrounded by a blue and yellow vapor. There is no explanation.

Ferntree Gully, January 1968. At about 4.30am the Wilson family is travelling between Yarra Glen and Yea. They spot three, or perhaps four, stationary lights 'just below the moon'. They watch for ten minutes, as dawn lightens the sky and the lights slowly fade. There is no sound, no movement, just the stationary and inexplicable lights.

Hallam, June 12, 1964. Two car-loads of people driving east from Dandenong see a large red light in the sky at 5.55pm. It is a dull winter evening and the light is clearly visible. They turn into Hallam Road, still watching the light. At first they think it is on some sort of tower but then it accelerates eastward. One witness says the light is on a craft 'shaped like a coin' and another says the 'coin' has a dome on the top. The red light is at the front of the UFO and there is a weaker yellow light at the rear. There is no official explanation.

Hallam, again. March 5, 1967. It is 5.30pm and John Coyle and his sister Miriam are walking through a paddock near their home. A 'silver disk about the size of a five cent coin held at arm's length' appears and describes a slow circle around their location. It circles for 2½ minutes and John takes six photographs. The report is officially investigated and the Coyle's story cannot be shaken. There is no official explanation.

Heyfield, May 2, 1968. In the small hours of the morning a sanitary truck, a nightcart, breaks down by the roadside. The two men aboard are debating going for help when one sees a string of red lights. At first the lights seem to be approaching them, and then they stop. The two men stand on the bonnet of the truck for a better view, and they see an object with a

dome and a row of red lights. In the morning the grass in that spot is found to be dying. During the small hours of the following morning the object is seen again and is reported to the RAAF. The Air Force investigates but can offer no explanation.

Korumburra, November 1968. Five revellers coming home from a barbecue at about 11.45pm see a bright orange light over the Korumburra Golf Club. It disappears somewhere over the reservoir and, again, there is no official explanation.

Korumburra, a few days later. Don Earl and his family see a flashing light in the south. It is sometimes orange, sometimes green. At times it divides into three lights. It is not an aeroplane.

Leongatha, November 1968. Derek Barber, a cropduster-manager based at Leongatha sees what is apparently the lights seen by the Earls. He is an expert on planes and says that there is no way the lights could have been those of any known aircraft.

Moe, February 15, 1963. Charles Brew and his son, Trevor, see a UFO and are able to get a good look at it. They give a precise description. The object is about eight metres in diameter and about three metres high. It is the traditional 'flying saucer' shape and is battleship-grey. It has a clear glasslike dome with a two-metre mast. It hovers silently about 20 to 25 metres above the ground and the only sound is an audible humming or 'swishing' when the craft disappears westward.

Narre Warren. Date and time unknown. Mr L. Velde is watching a bushfire with some friends. A pale orange craft with fins appears from the east, travelling west just below the clouds, at about 150 metres altitude. It disappears over Melbourne. Newspapers report the sighting but there is no explanation.

Sale, Date and time unknown. Mrs G. Butcher reports that her mother saw a shiny object which darted about

the sky and terrified her cows. Mrs Butcher kept the matter secret but a few days later the newspapers reported a similar sighting near Korumburra.

Wonthaggi, August 27, 1954. At 8.30pm a strange object appears in the sky. In the 25 minutes it is visible it changes color frequently. It disappears to the north and is definitely not an aeroplane.

Wonthaggi, September 9, 1954. A similar object is sighted again and two carloads of people follow it. It may have been the object seen a fortnight earlier. It disappears toward Melbourne.

Wonthaggi, (Dudley South), September 21, 1963. A huge spherical object, larger than an aeroplane, is observed for about 25 minutes by 60 people. It gives off an orange, flashing light. Television reception fails while the object is in the area. It disappears in the southwest.

Wonthaggi, September 23, 1963. At about 7pm five people see the mysterious sphere again. These five are all in separate locations. There is still no explanation but the sightings might have been of two separate objects in the area at the same time.

There have been more recent sightings, too, including an inexplicable red light I saw cross the sky very rapidly from west to east south of Upper Beaconsfield. It was very definitely not a strobe light on an aeroplane.

There was the Vallentich mystery. There are reports from people I promised not to quote, people who were anxious to avoid publicity.

So there it is. There have been countless sightings in Gippsland but people will usually not report them for fear of being called ratbags.

I'm not saying that our past, or our future, includes aliens. I'm not saying that I believe in flying saucers. On the other hand...

All Members are notified that written nominations for positions on the Committee are to be sent to the SECRETARY, P.O. BOX 43, MOORABBIN, VIC 3189 by no later than Monday, 23rd Nov 1987, 14 days before the AGM on the 7th December 1987. All positions are open and new members are requested.

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Judge rules UFO-search ads can run

By Jim Clardy
THE WASHINGTON TIMES

A federal judge in Alexandria has ruled that the U.S. Army must allow a civilian employee to place advertisements in defense newspapers asking potential whistleblowers to come forward with their knowledge of government information on UFOs.

U.S. District Court Judge Claude M. Hilton earlier this month ruled in favor of a lawsuit brought by Larry

Bryant, a civilian employee in the Pentagon, who claimed that his constitutional rights were violated after Army and Air Force newspapers rejected his advertisements.

Mr. Bryant, 48, is the founder and president of CAUS, or Citizens Against UFO Secrecy, which contends that the government is guilty of covering up what it knows about unidentified flying objects.

"You cannot escape the conclusion that the government over the last three decades has known more

about the UFO problem than they have let on," said Mr. Bryant, who has worked as a senior writer for ARNEWS, the Army news service, since 1981.

Mr. Bryant contends that his government's acknowledgement of UFOs would create a dilemma because of "the far-reaching impact on society, military preparedness, space technology, religion and culture."

Judge Hilton also ordered the lawsuit's defendants — Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, Secretary

of the Army John O. Marsh Jr. and Secretary of the Air Force Edward C. Aldridge Jr. — to reimburse Mr. Bryant \$2,000 for legal fees. But the judge dismissed Mr. Bryant's claim that he had been unfairly harassed at work because of his UFO-related activity.

Mr. Bryant contends that his job rating went from "Exceptional" to "Unsatisfactory" in 1985 after he began to place advertisements in various defense publications seeking the testimony of government employees who had knowledge of UFOs. Judge Bryant ruled that Mr. Bryant could appeal the job harassment charge.

GEOFFREY BARKER in Washington experiences close encounters of a different kind

Ufologists fly in with kidnap claim

FLYING saucers have landed — and small aliens with big heads are abducting earthlings for biological research.

This somewhat disconcerting information was revealed today by a panel of four ufologists at a Washington briefing for foreign reporters.

Ufologists, I hasten to explain, are those who study unidentified flying objects or, to be more contemporary, unidentified aerial phenomena (UAP). They are in Washington for an international symposium on UFOs at the American University this weekend.

Perhaps because they are used to being regarded as somewhat eccentric, the ufologists produced a document to support their claims. They also produced Mr Bud Hopkins, the man who has interviewed 140 of the so-called "abductees" and checked their stories.

School-teacher Larry Kass said the document was sent anonymously to California ufologist and TV producer Jaime Shandera in two brown paper envelopes in December 1984.

It purports to be a briefing paper prepared for President-elect Dwight Eisenhower on

November 28, 1952, and says a flying saucer crashed in a remote area of New Mexico on June 24, 1947.

"... four small human-like beings had apparently ejected from the craft at some point before it exploded", the briefing paper said. It also said that the bodies, damaged and decomposed, were removed with wreckage for study.

Although the ufologists said they could not endorse the authenticity of the document, Mr Shandera said he knew from intelligence sources that the bodies and wreckage were still being kept secretly by the US Government.

And why had this momentous information been kept secret for so long? Well, said bearded physicist Stanton Friedman, there were questions of mass panic and the need to investigate a superior technology.

Questions of mass panic did not trouble Mr Hopkins, a New York artist and author of a new book *The Intruders*. Mr Hopkins said the stories of 140 people who said they were abducted by aliens were similar.

The abductors were usually described as being 1 to 1½ metres tall with oversized cra-

niums, big eyes, slit mouths, thin bodies. And they appeared to communicate telepathically.

Often the abductees were taken several times in their lives — first as children aged four to eight, when they often suffered a deep cut on the back or front of the leg.

In adulthood the same people were often abducted again and ova or sperm samples were removed, Mr Hopkins said.

He said many abductees reported having a needle tipped with a tiny ball inserted painfully into a nostril. All, he said, bore marks of the traumas he had described.

Mr Hopkins said he had withheld certain "highly specific material" from publication because it provided a check on stories of people who had claimed to have been abducted.

Perhaps the most interesting question is why apparently intelligent men devote so much of their time to trying to convince others that close encounters of the third kind have taken place.

No less intriguing is why they posit a cover-up or conspiracy theory to explain why

they are usually regarded with sceptical good humor.

The science fiction writer Ben Bova said recently: "We used to have Gods. Now we want to feel we're not alone, watched over by protective forces far beyond us."

Unhappily there's nothing terribly protective about little creatures with big heads who kidnap, cut and pierce the bodies of horrified earthlings. Let's be careful out there.

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WORLD NEWS

UFOs 'buzzed bases'

By GEOFFREY BARKER
and Reuter

WAshington, Fri. — UFOs have been swooping over US military bases, according to government documents released by UFO researchers.

The visits caused concern in the Defence Department, the papers said.

The documents were shown to the media on Thursday on the eve of a conference on UFOs at the American University.

Mr Dale Goudie, president of the Unidentified Flying Object Information Service, said the documents were released to



him under the Freedom of Information Act.

One US Air Force document from 1980 describes in detail the sighting of an "unidentified light in the air" by three guards at Kirtland Air Force Base in New Mexico.

Mr Goudie said the incident was one of many at

US military bases, but gave no further documentation.

Ufologists from around the world are attending the conference.

One delegate, Cynthia Hind, said she learned aliens had reached planet Earth from tribesmen in wildest eastern Zimbabwe, who said they had seen big balls of fire rolling across the ground and men in shiny suits had emerged.

Paul Norman, of Melbourne, an expatriate American, said he was convinced the disappearance of Australian pilot Fred Valentich over Bass Strait in October 1978 was the work of extra-terrestrials.

Los Angeles TV produc-

er Jaime Shandera provided a purportedly secret briefing prepared for President-elect Dwight Eisenhower in 1952, which claimed a UFO crashed in June 1947 in a remote part of New Mexico.

It said there was a "secret operation" to recover the wreckage "for scientific study".

Searchers found "four small beings had apparently ejected from the craft" before it exploded. The bodies, although "human-like" appeared quite different to homo sapiens.

History does not record how President Eisenhower reacted, but it is known he had a strange tendency to scan the sky thoughtfully when playing golf.

New York artist Bud Hopkins, who has just written a book *The Intruders*, said he had interviewed many of the 140 people who claim to have been repeatedly abducted and examined, often painfully, by aliens.

All said their captors were small grey-complexioned people with big heads and cat-like eyes.

A German gentleman snorted. "Vot would you say if I came und told you I had seen a spaceman who looked like a box of breakfast cereal?"

Hopkins replied gently: "You would find me very open-minded."

So, apparently, did a lot of other people whose little grey men were rather nastier than a box of Weeties.

UFOs 'swooped over US bases'

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From CHRISTOPHER HANSON in Washington

UNIDENTIFIED flying objects (UFOs) have been swooping over United States military bases, causing concern in the Defence Department, according to government documents released yesterday by a group of UFO researchers.

The president of the Seattle-based UFO Information Service, Mr Dale Goudle, said the Defence Department documents, released on the eve of a three-day conference on UFOs at American University, were provided to him under the Freedom of Information Act.

One US Air Force document, dated September 9 1980, describes the sighting of UFOs by security guards at Kirtland Air Force Base in New Mexico the month before.

It said three guards, interviewed separately, each described an "unidentified light in the air" that swooped over a we-

pons storage area just before midnight on August 8 1980.

It "travelled with great speed and stopped suddenly in the sky".

"The three first thought the object was a helicopter. However, after observing the strange aerial manoeuvres (stop and go), they felt a helicopter couldn't have performed such skills ... they witnessed the light take off and leave proceeding straight up at a high rate of speed," the document said.

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Thirty minutes later, it said, another guard reported seeing a similar craft at a nearby military research station.

"After driving closer, he observed a round disc-shaped object ... as he approached on foot armed with a shotgun, the object took off in a vertical direction at a high rate of speed. The guard was a former helicopter me-

chanic in the US Army and stated the object ... was not a helicopter."

Mr Goudle said the reported New Mexico incident was one of many at US military bases, but he provided no further documentation.

Another document released by the group, dated November 17 1980, said film taken of UFOs travelling at high speed appeared to be authentic and referred to a top secret Project Aquarius that investigated UFOs.

Mr Goudle said the Air Force, which gave him the document, could not vouch for its authenticity. His group was hunting that up. The document had evidently been in official files.

He released a January 27 1987 letter referring to Project Aquarius sent to Senator John Glenn, an Ohio Democrat, by the National Security Agency (NSA).

Reuters

AUSTRALIAN, 27.6.1987

UFO lights up the life of tax man

Tax man Eric Risstrom might well have doubted his sanity when he saw two large yellow objects hovering in the sky east of his North Balwyn home.

Mr Risstrom, who is national director of the Australian Taxpayers' Association, rang The Herald to report the metallic shaft-like UFOs in the Eltham-Doncaster area at 8.10 am.

"There are two of them which appear to be five miles apart and they are rotating in unison," he said.

"I'm certain it's not the sun and it's not vapor trails from planes."

Mr Risstrom, who is also a private pilot, said he watched the spectacle for 10 minutes.

His wife Joyce said: "It's really strange because they held for so long."

She added: "We are sober."

Local police and the H.V. McKay Planetarium in the city reported no other UFO sightings.

But planetarium director Dr Robin Hirst said he was treating Mr Risstrom's report as a legitimate sighting more than likely produced by some natural phenomenon.

"They were presumably some sort of shafts of light coming through the clouds," he said.

He said atmospheric conditions were responsible for most UFO sightings.

The vice-president of the UFO Sightings Society, Mr Paul Norman, said he had received no news of Mr Risstrom's report.

Sacked 'UFO' teacher appeals

By Jackie Tracy

An Adelaide school-teacher claims he was wrongfully dismissed from his job for discussing UFOs with his students.

Mr John Connaughton, formerly an English teacher at Smithfield Plains High School, today appealed against his dismissal to the Teachers' Tribunal Board.

The hearing was closed to the Press, but outside the court Mr Connaughton admitted having had an interest in UFOs for more than a decade.

He had called as a character witness the president of the SA UFO Society, Mr Colin Norris, who attended the hearing.

Mr Connaughton said he was dismissed on September 18 last year, after only four weeks on the job.

He produced a memo which he claimed had been sent by Smithfield Plains High School principal, Mr Jim Devitt, listing the reasons for his dismissal.

The memo stated that Mr Connaughton's behavior had been bizarre.

He was alleged to have told staff and students that he had been in contact with beings from outer space and that his life was threatened by a secret police force.

Many of his lessons had concerned UFOs and related matters.

Mr Connaughton said he had discussed UFOs with his students, but only because they had raised the matter after a reported sighting at Victor Harbor last year.

His investigations into UFOs had been used as an excuse to get rid of him, he claimed.

Mr Connaughton said his position had been made very difficult and he had not worked since his dismissal.

Mr Norris said he would stand by Mr Connaughton, who was a member of the UFO Society.

He added: "A belief in UFOs certainly doesn't mean a person is crazy."

"There have been three good sightings this year, and many people know the phenomena exist."

The appeal is proceeding.

In the last 60 days we have lost the services of our PRESS CUTTING AGENT, who for many years, has collected UFO subject press cuttings from around Australia.

Can you please contact us at our P.O. BOX Address so that a mutual and helpful arrangement can be made that would benefit the Society.

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From BRUCE SANDHAM
in London

AFTER five years of conspicuous absence, unidentified flying objects are back in our skies ...

In Britain, hundreds of callers have flooded the country's first UFO hotline to report sightings.

In America, inquiries into UFO activity have doubled.

In Russia, the Academy of Science is sponsoring a major investigation into visitors from other galaxies.

One of the most dramatic of recent cases involved Captain Kenji Terauchi, a pilot with Japan Airlines, who was flying a jumbo jet on a routine flight over Alaska.

Captain Terauchi and his crew say they watched three UFOs flying alongside them for half an hour.

The captain tried to photograph them, but his camera wouldn't work properly.

He said the objects moved with amazing speed, and occasionally stopped abruptly. "We did not feel threatened by them," he said.

At first, the US Federal Aviation Authority confirmed radar tracking of the UFO. Later, they said this had been a mistake.

There was a public outcry and the FAA released all their documents on the incident, which showed reports of UFO sightings on the radar screens of air traffic controllers in Alaska.

World-wide interest in the "sightings" was intense, and the FAA was swamped with callers. In response, the agency has, in the words of one of its officials, "gone into the mail-order business".

For a little under \$200, you can now buy an information pack con-



taining tapes of the crew, statements by air traffic controllers, the pilot's drawings, and color photographs of radar images.

In America, the demand for information about UFOs has mushroomed as a result of recent sightings. "Our membership has gone up by 10 per cent within a few weeks," says Walt Andrus, international director of the Mutual UFO Network in Texas.

"Our mail has doubled. People are realising that there really is something in this after all."

In Britain, efforts to satisfy the hunger of UFO-watchers have been made by the Aetherius Society — so named after the extra-terrestrial voices apparently heard by the society's founder and president, Sir George King.

The society has recently established a telephone hot-line for

people to report sightings, and the response has been overwhelming.

A survey by the society has shown that 16 per cent of people in Britain believe they have seen a UFO. And 72 per cent believe there is life elsewhere in the universe.

Callers to the hotline report sightings that fall into two common categories. "One is a large, cigar-shaped craft, and the second is a round, silver metallic object with portholes," says the society's Richard Lawrence.

"Some callers give details of craft that sound strikingly similar to reports given for the same day in different parts of the country."

A typical experience is that of Neil Gardner, a 54-year-old former flight officer with British Airways.

Returning from a day's rifle shooting, he saw something in the

sky which he describes as "literally out of this world".

He looked at it through the marksman's telescope on his rifle and saw a craft about four times the size of a jumbo jet ... "It was changing shape as I watched, from bell shaped to saucer-shaped and back again," he claims.

The most celebrated UFO report of recent years came from an American Air Force base in Suffolk, where a group of airmen claimed to have seen an alien spaceship in the woods surrounding their base, landing in a brilliant explosion of light.

They tried to approach it, but it moved away from them as if under intelligent control. And the next day, marks were found on the ground, trees were scorched, and traces of radiation were recorded.

What excited UFO enthusiasts was that these sightings were officially reported by the deputy commander of the base. Here, at last, they thought, was documentary proof that we are not alone ...

But as with so many of these sightings, there was a rational explanation.

The light came from a lighthouse beam, the earth marks were made by animals, and the trees had been burned by foresters indicating that they were to be felled ...

The sceptics were happy to accept the explanation. But many people still believed the original report.

Many people who think they've seen UFOs call the RAF — which keep no records, unless the sightings are over military installations.

But even the RAF isn't entirely sceptical. "Oh, no, I wouldn't say we were complete unbelievers," said one duty officer. "After all — I've seen one myself!"